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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), or alternatively §1.97(c) in conjunction with §1.97(e)(1), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

Applicants believe this information disclosure statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required. Alternatively, this information disclosure statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and includes a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1).

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form PTO-1449. Each cited reference listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in the International Search Report dated February 11, 2002 (a copy of which is attached) from the International Search Authority in a counterpart foreign application. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

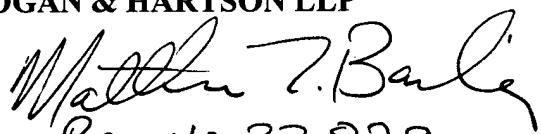
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Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1349. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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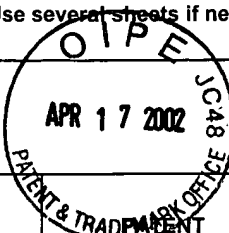
  
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